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"Summary - Basrah Petroleum Company September 1953 Report"

Exploration

Gravity-Magnetic

One party commenced work in the Gharraif area near Kut al Hai.
One party in the Samawa area.

Seismic

One party in the Kut at Hal - Gala Salih area.
One party in the Afaq-Hashisiya area.
One party started experimental work in the Luqait area.

Drilling

At the end of September, six rigs were in active operation.

During the month 14,904' were drilled. This is the highest figure achieved since the commencement of drilling operations in the Basrah concession.

Exploration

- Drilling at 10,570': progress slow due to coring and casing operations.

Development

Zubair No. 30 - Final depth 11,435': testing the upper section of Fourth Pay Zone at interval 11,107'-11,113'.

No. 31 - Drilling at 10,945'.
No. 32 - Drilling at 9,290'.
No. 33 - Drilling at 6,930'; 8-5/8" casing cemented at this depth.

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No. 34 - Drilling at 6,517' (Spudded 4 September): 16" and 11-3/4" casings run and set at 2,14' and 2,218', respectively.

Production

Zubair Field average daily production - app. 61,170 barrels.

Oil Exports

Total amount of oil exported - 206,202 tons (1,549,196 barrels).

Engineering

Pipeline: Certain alternations being made to the 24" line, to allow for installation of scraper traps.

Fao Terminal: Work on jetty construction continued satisfactorily as well as work on the six main storage tanks in the Tank Farm area."

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